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1. AS DELEGATION IS AWARE, ACCEPTANCE OF CBMS "ON A
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VOLUNTARY BASIS" DOES NOT ELIMINATE US INTEREST IN NATURE

OF COMMITMENT IN VIEW OF OUR STRONG PREFERENCE THAT CSCE FINAL DOCUMENT BE CLEAR THAT NONE OF TEXTS INTENDED TO BE LEGALLY BINDING. TOWARD THIS END, WE LIKE IDEA OF INSERTING TRANSITIONAL PHRASE BETWEEN PREAMBLE AND OPERATIVE PORTIONS OF CBMS TEXT AS PROPOSED BY NORWEGIANS--E.G. "THE PARTICIPATING STATES HAVE DRAWN UP AND HEREWITH PLACE ON RECORD THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS." ASSUMING THAT THIS PHRASE OR SOMETHING LIKE IT IS PRESENT, WE WOULD BE ABLE TO AGREE TO USE OF WORD "WILL" IN FOLLOWING OPERATIVE SENTENCES.

2. RE CHAPTER HEADINGS AND SUBTITLES, WE DO NOT HAVE STRONG FEELINGS ABOUT SHAPE OF FINAL CBMS DOCUMENT AS SUCH. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT WISH TO SUPPORT AN OUTLINE MENTIONING INDEPENDENT AIR AND NAVAL MANEUVERS, SMALLER MANEUVERS, OR

NOTIFICATION OF MOVEMENTS UNTIL THERE IS A BETTER INDICATION OF HOW SUBSTANCE OF THESE ISSUES WILL BE HANDLED OR DISPOSED OF IN THE WEEKS AHEAD. IT SHOULD BE NOTED, ALSO, THAT HEADINGS PROPOSAL MAY RAISE QUESTION WHETHER ALL OTHER CSCE DOCUMENTS SHOULD HAVE HEADINGS FOR THE SAKE OF STYLISTIC CONSISTENCY. KISSINGER

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